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EXCAVATION OF MATA BAGLA MUKHI TEMPLE IN H.P.
Chandel Shri Suresh

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an ancient and historic temple of Mata Bagla Mukhi located at Vanakhandi in Tehsil Dehra of district Kangra of Himachal Pradesh caved in a devastating earthquake in the year 1905;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to excavate that areas so that the ancient and historic temple could be explored;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER FOR INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a) to (d) The existing temple of Mata Bagla Mukhi at Vankhandi in Tehsil Dehra, District Kangra (Himachal Pradesh) appears to have been constructed over the remains of an ancient temple. Archaeological excavation of the site is not feasible in view of the heavy construction around the existing temple.